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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN GUERILLAS STILL HOLD HOSTAGES

1. CITING OFFICAL SOURCES IN SALISBURY,SOUTH AFRICAN
BROADCASTING CORPORATION (SABC) NEWS BROADCAST AT 1300 HOURS
JULY 8 REPORTED THAT GUERILLAS STILL HOLD NUMBER OF
HOSTAGES IN ZAMBEZI VALLEY NEAR MOZAMBIQUE.BY LAST NIGHT
OVER 270 HOSTAGES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE RETURNED TO MISSION
STATION FROM WHICH THEY WERE ABDUCTED JULY 5 (REFTEL). 15
CHILDREN,2 KITCHEN MAIDS,ONE NURSE. 2 PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
AND ONE SCHOOL MASTER ARE BELEIVED TO BE STILL HELD BY GUERILLAS.
20 AFRICANS FROM A KRAAL IN THE AREA ARE MISSING AND MAY ALSO BE
HELD BY GUERILLAS.

2. GUERILLAS ARE BELEIVED TO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY IN AREA OF
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DENSE BUSH AND TALL GRASS AND ARE ALSO THOUGHT TO HAVE SPLIT UP

INTO SMALL GROUPS,EACH GROUP HOLDING A FEW HOSTAGES.PORTUGUESE FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCE OPERATIONS AND PORTUGUESE PATROLS MAY TRY TO INTERCEPT ANY GUERILLAS WHO CROSS BORDER.

3. SABC CORRESPONDENT IN SALISBURY STATED CHILDREN WERE TOLD BY THEIR CAPTORS THAT THEY WOULD BE TAKEN TO ZAMBIA FOR GUERILLA TRAINING AND POSSIBLY BE SENT TO RUSSIA OR CHINA FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING.

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